



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Edmond DIFFERDING et al. :  
Serial No. 10/693,917 : **MAIL STOP: PATENT APPLICATION**  
Filed October 28, 2003 : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1548  
2-OXO-1-PYRROLIDINE DERIVATIVES,  
PROCESSES FOR PREPARING THEM  
AND THEIR USES : **Confirmation No. 3995**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows: